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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takeshi SAITO, et al.

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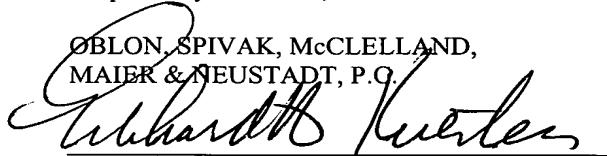
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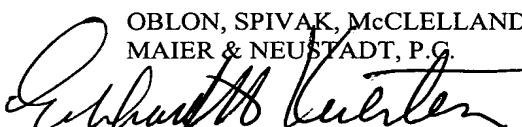
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